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Dear Motor Vehicle Repair Parts Store Representatives:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of an amendment to section 8A-161.3 of the Miami-Dade County Motor Vehicle Repair Ordinance that may impact your business. The amendment allows facilities engaged in the sale of automobile new parts to perform free minimal automobile services without having to obtain a motor vehicle repair (MVR) registration from the Consumer Services Department.

To qualify for this exemption, business facilities must satisfy the following conditions:

1. The facility must be engaged in the sale of new automobile parts and equipment
2. The automobile repairs shall be performed at no charge to the consumer, solely as a courtesy for which no payment is received
3. The price charged by the facility for automobile parts or equipment is not increased because of the performance of the repairs
4. The repairs are performed by an employee of the facility
5. The sum of the repairs performed on an individual vehicle shall take no more than a total of twenty (20) minutes to perform
6. The repairs performed shall not include oil changes, oil filter changes, transmission fluid changes, transmission fluid filter changes, engine coolant/antifreeze changes, brake fluid changes, power steering fluid changes, tire repairs, tire installations and tire rotations
7. The repairs performed shall not fall within the scope of the repair certification categories set forth in sections 8A-161.25(2)(a)-(c) and (g) of the Miami-Dade County MVR Ordinance
8. All residual, discarded or waste products, parts, equipment, packaging, fluids, and other materials left over from the repairs performed are stored or disposed of immediately and in accordance with the applicable laws
9. The facility must conspicuously post a 2' X 3' sign inside the premises of the business (see attachment)

Please be advised that field enforcement officers will be conducting random inspections to ensure compliance with the requirements for the exemption. This exemption does not authorize the performance of motor vehicle repairs on your business premises by unregistered mechanics. Failure to abide by these regulations may result in the issuance of civil penalties for violations to the MVR ordinance.

This exemption will be repealed November 27, 2009 unless a subsequent ordinance amendment is adopted by the Board of County Commissioners to the contrary. The Consumer Services Department will submit a report to the Board regarding the success of the exemption and any issues that have arisen while the exemption has been in effect.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at (305) 375-4193.

Sincerely,

Sheldon P. King  
Director  
Consumer Protection Division



Attachments (1)

This facility is not a motor vehicle repair shop and is only authorized to perform minimal automobile maintenance repairs taking no more than 20 minutes to complete. This facility and its employees are not permitted to charge anyone for performing automobile repairs.

Esta facilidad no es un taller de reparaciones de vehículos de motor y solamente está autorizada a realizar reparaciones mínimas de mantenimiento de automóviles que tomen no más de 20 minutos para terminar. Esta facilidad y sus empleados no están permitidos cobrar por reparaciones de automóvil.

Plas sa a se pa yon garaj e li sèlman otorize pou'l fè ti sèvis reparasyon ak antretyen oto ki pa pran plis pase 20 minit. Plas sa-a ak amplwaye'l yo pa otorize pou kolekte lajan nan men pèson pou ranje mashin.